

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

By His Excellency
Governor Mitt Romney

2006

WHEREAS: Massachusetts is one of the ten major maple producing states in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Maple sugaring is the first sign of the state's annual agricultural awakening; and

WHEREAS: Maple farmers help to maintain thousands of acres of open space across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Maple farmers produce 40,000 to 50,000 gallons of maple syrup each season with a value of over \$1.7 million dollars; and

WHEREAS: It is appropriate for the citizens of Massachusetts to recognize the continued contribution of maple farmers who perpetuate a cherished New England tradition and who impact positively on our economy, environment and way of life:

NOW, THEREFORE, I MITT ROMNEY, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2003, to be

MASSACHUSETTS MAPLE MONTH

and urge all the citizens of the commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

By His Excellency the Governor Mitt Romney

William F. Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS